

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

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Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 26 September 2019

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 25 September 2019

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file depicts a female who presents as a young person engaged in sex with a man. The image is deemed to be objectionable because it tends to promote and support the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes. Although the image is inexplicit it has an overtly exploitative tone. The only likely purpose of the image is the titillation and arousal those with a sexual interest in young teenage girls. The image have the effect of legitimising and encouraging this interest by presenting girls as willing and appropriate subjects for adult sexual attention and as objects of fantasy and desire. An objectionable classification interferes with the right to freedom of expression as provided by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that fall under s 3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publication's Classification Act 1993 be deemed objectionable. It also reflects the concerns of a free and democratic society to protect its young and vulnerable members from exploitation and harm.